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Public Act No. 07-219

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER TRAINING PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2007) (a) The Department of Social Services shall, within available appropriations and in consultation with the Department of Public Health, establish a pilot training program for nurse practitioners seeking to specialize in family practice to receive one year of formal training at a community-based health center located in an area designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration as a health professional shortage area, a medically underserved area or an area with medically underserved populations.

- (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall establish eligibility requirements for participation in the program.
- (c) The pilot program shall commence on or before October 1, 2008, and shall terminate not later than October 1, 2010.
- (d) The Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

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relating to social services and public health not later than January 1, 2011, concerning any increase in access to care at community-based health centers as a result of such pilot program.

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